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INTERVIEW SUMMARY, AND
WITHDRAWAL OF FINAL REJECTION

This paper is submitted to document recent telephone conferences and interviews with several examiners. In this regard, and as discussed in more detail below, **Applicant has been advised that the final rejection mailed on January 18, 2006 is being withdrawn.**

In more detail, a final rejection was mailed on January 18, 2006, Applicant filed a Response to the final rejection on March 20, 2006, and an Advisory Action was then mailed on April 7, 2006. Following receipt of the final rejection, the undersigned placed several telephone calls to Examiner Renata McCloud, beginning on April 13, but was not able to reach the Examiner at her desk, and did not receive a call back. Therefore, in accord with standard PTO policy regarding situations where an examiner cannot be reached, the undersigned placed a call on April 17 to the Examiner's supervisor, Examiner David Martin.

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Examiner Martin indicated that he had just been transferred within the Patent Office, and was no longer supervising Examiner McCloud. He said the supervisory position that he vacated was being temporarily filled by Examiner Paula Bradley. The undersigned therefore telephoned Examiner Bradley on April 18. Examiner Bradley asked Examiner McCloud to telephone the undersigned. Examiner McCloud telephoned the undersigned on April 20. The undersigned reiterated arguments presented in the remarks of the March 20 Response, but no agreement was reached. The undersigned explained to Examiner McCloud that, in the absence of agreement with Examiner McCloud, the undersigned wished to also discuss the situation with the signatory examiner for the final rejection. In particular, both the January 18 final rejection and also the April 7 Advisory Action were signed by Examiner Marlon Fletcher.

The undersigned therefore telephoned Examiner Fletcher, beginning on April 24. Examiner Fletcher called the undersigned on April 27, and proposed a telephone interview for May 2. On May 2, Examiner Fletcher and the undersigned had the telephone interview. The undersigned reiterated arguments presented in the remarks of the March 20 Response. Examiner Fletcher indicated that he would study the case in more detail, discuss the case with Examiner McCloud, and then call the undersigned again. In due course, the undersigned placed follow-up calls to Examiner Fletcher.

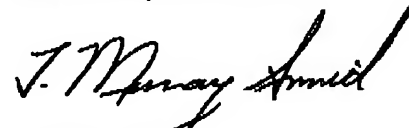
Examiner Fletcher telephoned the undersigned on June 5, 2006, and said that he had studied the matter and talked to Examiner McCloud. Examiner Fletcher indicated that he had decided the final rejection should be withdrawn, and that he had advised Examiner McCloud to withdraw the final rejection. Examiner Fletcher also advised the undersigned that the supervisory position temporarily filled by Examiner Bradley was now filled on a long-term basis by a new supervisor, Examiner Lincoln Donovan. Examiner Fletcher indicated that his discussion with Examiner McCloud had occurred about two weeks earlier, but that he was currently looking at the PTO computer system, and did not see any indication that the final rejection had in fact been withdrawn. He therefore suggested that the undersigned telephone Examiner McCloud.

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Accordingly, the undersigned placed a telephone call to Examiner McCloud on June 5, but was not able to reach the Examiner at her desk, and did not receive a call back. Therefore, in accord with standard PTO policy, the undersigned telephoned supervising Examiner Donovan on June 8. The undersigned explained the circumstances, and Examiner Donovan suggested that the undersigned file this paper summarizing the various telephone discussions that had occurred with various different examiners, and also confirming the determination by Examiner Fletcher that the final rejection mailed on January 18 is being withdrawn.

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